

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph **[0021]** beginning at page 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0021] During operation to complete actual user telephone number porting, relay 270 receives control signals from the alternative provider network, via control signal lines 250, 255, to switch lines 265, 268 from interconnecting to incumbent provider tip/ring lines 240, 220 to interconnecting to alternative provider tip/ring lines 245, 225. After the switch is completed, voice communications services may be provided for the user communications devices 150 (for the user) using the alternative service provider via IW tip/ring lines 210, 215, relay 270, and ~~incumbent~~alternative tip/ring lines 245, 225.